Teacher Directions: Activity: Setting up a Weather Radio

- **Materials: Weather radios; Laptop, LCD projector, speakers; *Setting up your weather Radio*** (optional)

Step 1: Prep

Turn on the **laptop** and **LCD projector** and hook up the **speakers.** Open up the internet browser and type in the following address: www.youtube.com/MLCESLlistening. Click on **Weather Radio_Setting the Time** and make sure the speakers work.

Step 1: Setting the Context

Ask your Ss what a weather radio is (*a radio that gives weather updates*) and why it's important (*it sounds an alarm when there is a weather emergency in your area*). Then tell them that they are going to receive weather radios today and learn how to set them up. You can also use the **Setting up your Weather Radio** handout below *before* they do the listening activities.

Step 2: Setting the Time - *listening*

Tell your class they are going to watch a video on "how to set the time" on their weather radio. Tell them to write down any important steps they hear (i.e., *press menu, press the 'up arrow',* etc). Explain that afterwards, they will set the time on their *own* radio.

Play the **Weather Radio_Setting the Time** video. Then have your Ss set the time on their radios.

Step 3: Setting the Alarm-Siren - *listening*

Tell your class that now they will watch a video on "how to set up the alarm-siren" on their weather radio. Tell them to write down any important steps they hear. Explain that afterwards they will set up the alarm-siren on their radio.

Play the **weather Radio_Setting the Alarm** video. Then have your Ss set the alarm-siren on their radios.

Step 4: Setting the County - *listening*

Finally, tell your class that they will watch a final video on "how to set up the county" on their weather radio. Tell them to write down any important steps they hear. Explain that afterwards they will set up the county on their own radio.

Play the **Weather Radio_Setting the County** video. Then have your Ss set the county on their radios.

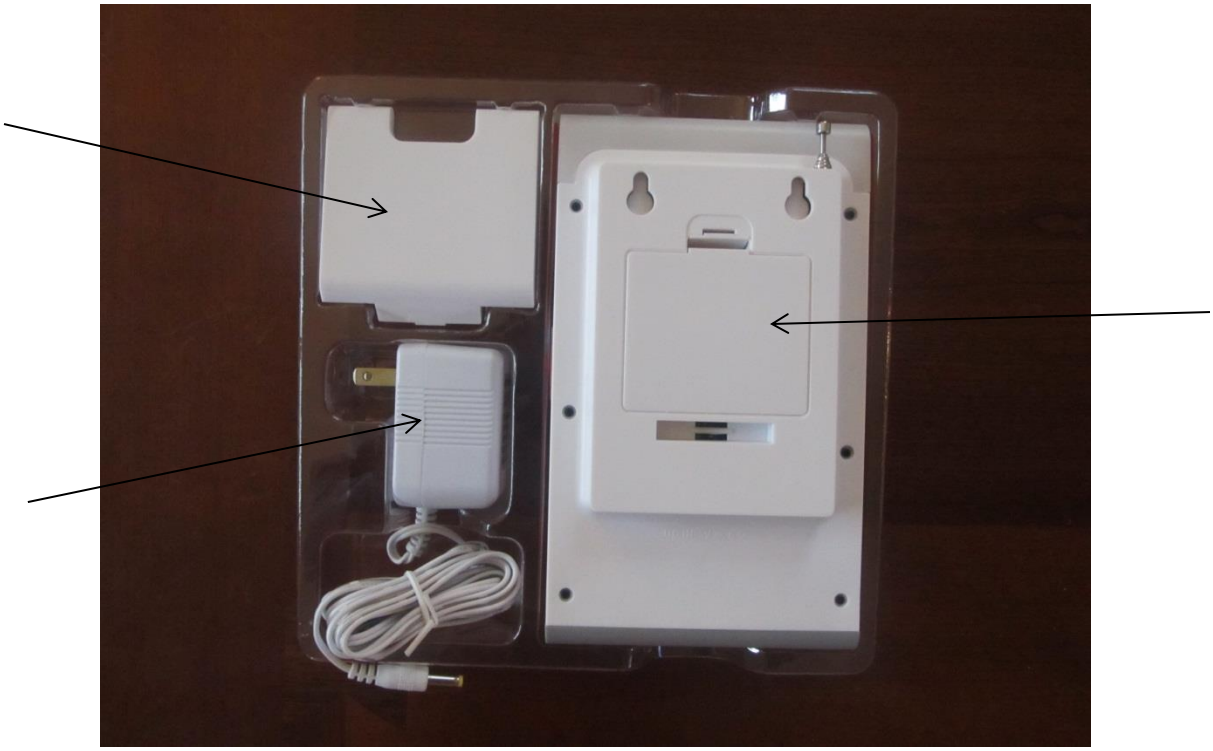
Step 5: Additional functions

Explain that the settings they just set up are the basic and most important functions of their weather radio, but that there *are* additional functions as well (i.e., *alarm clock, radio*). Included in their weather radio box is a user's manual, so if they want to use/set-up these additional functions they should use this manual. As always, tell them they can bring in their weather radios anytime if they have questions/problems, and their coordinator will help set them up.

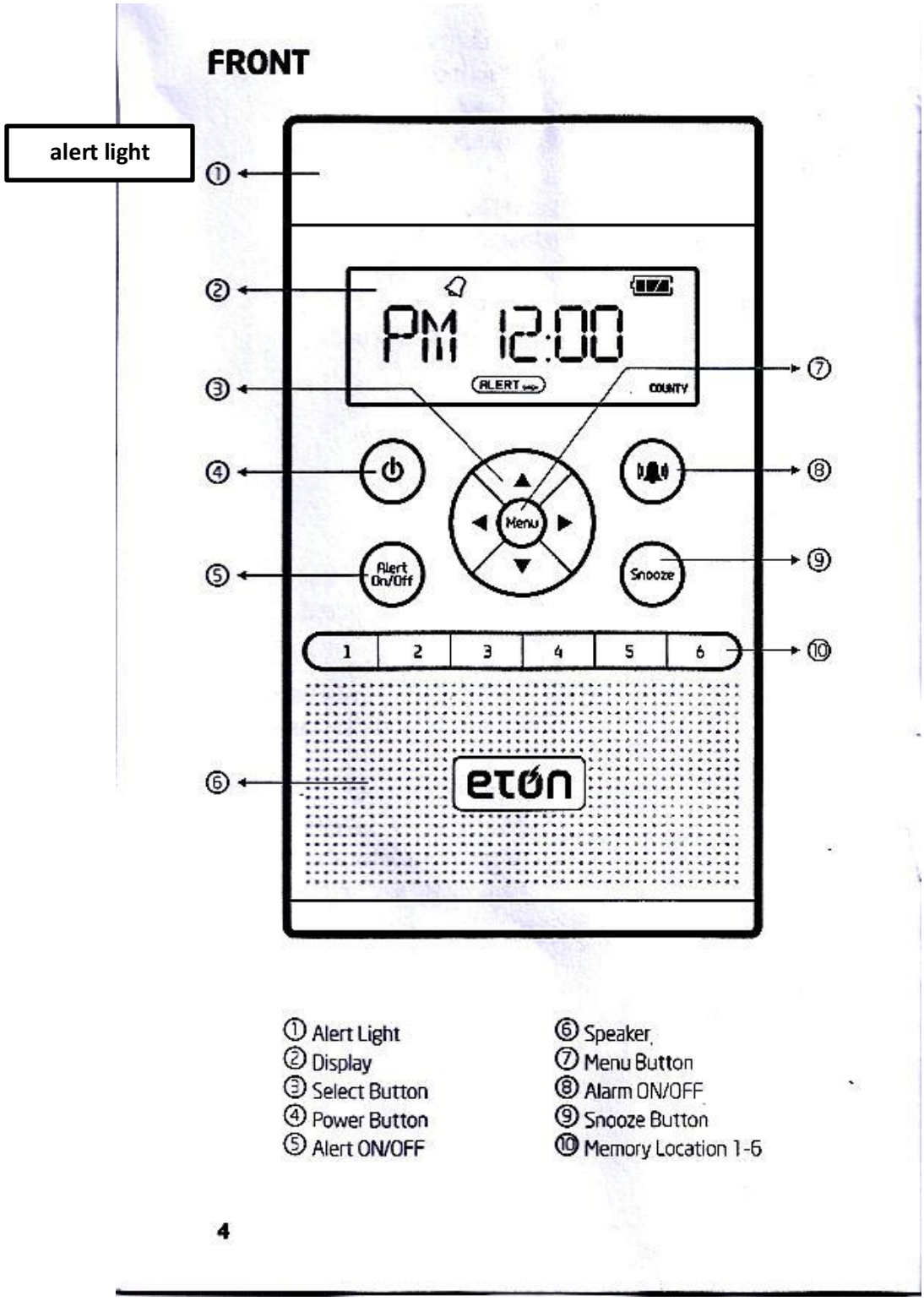
Setting up your Weather Radio

Label the Parts below

battery compartment weather radio stand plug-in adapter



<u>Write the part next to its matching number. Then discuss what you *think* each part is for.</u>



(taken from the user's manual)